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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Thank you for contacting me about the Prime Minister's statement and the debate on additional national restrictions in England until December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for the sacrifices you have made as we continue to fight against the spread of coronavirus and I am pleased that, at this time, the prevalence of the virus remains low in West Worcestershire although there is some evidence of increasing cases locally.

I share many of your concerns and I am particularly keen to make sure that this is a time-limited measure which will run only until December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and then we can revert to local tiers.

I am also eager to ensure that the measures which the Chancellor is bringing forward will continue to help protect jobs and livelihoods, as they did earlier in the year, but I am concerned about the longer-term risk to our economy and to the public finances of another sustained period of restrictions.

Over the course of the next few days, this decision will be extensively debated in Parliament and I will also be making specific representations to Ministers about churches, gyms, leisure centres, golf courses and dog grooming, to name a few.

I want to be clear that this is an extremely difficult decision that the Prime Minister has had to take, and as your representative in Parliament, I want to reassure you that your views are being shared with Government Ministers as we continue to evolve our national response to this global pandemic.

Thank you for contacting me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harriett Baldwin".

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